How To Pick Yule Tree

IDEAL CHRISTMAS TREE
HAS SHAPE, SPIRE
AND IS NOT DRY

It can be like looking for a haystack in the needles if you buy a dried-out Christmas tree and expect it to last over the holiday.

Before purchasing, feel twigs and foliage and smack the tree butt sharply on the floor. If twigs and needles feel brittle and needles rain to the ground, shop about for another tree. Odds are that the one at hand soon will look more like a hat rack than a Christmas tree.

The traditional tree, widely available, is the balsam fir with fine conical form, spiry top and excellent color. It and other firs hold their foliage well and stay attractive throughout the season. The Norway spruce as well as other spruces enjoy wide popularity and make desirable and beautiful trees, although they do not hold their leaves as well as the firs.

Trees that are closely branched and come well down to the base are best for decorative purposes. There is a time when a "one-sided" tree may serve equally well. That is when you intend placing your tree in a corner. It is entirely possible you may get a real bargain in such a tree.

Your Christmas tree will retain its attractiveness much longer if you recut the butt and lower it into a container filled with water. No need to go to extra expense either. If the tree is small, simply fill an ordinary pail or bucket with enough rocks, gravel or even coal lumps to hold the butt securely. Pour in the water then decorate the pail or bucket with tinfoil or decorative paper.

Queen of the Tournament of Roses is a brunette.

Struggle with Russia is called a long-range production race.

Play safe—drive carefully.

Santa Rides N & W Train This Week

Santa Claus has been an added crew member on many Norfolk and Western passenger trains this week.

In full regalia, the old gentleman carries the railroad's greetings and gifts for the children and grown-ups lucky enough to ride on his schedule.

The schedule was a rigorous one. It started from Cincinnati on Monday morning, December 18, when he rode Train 16—"The Cavalier"—all the way to Roanoke. In the next four days he made shorter hops, changing trains as they pass and covering a large part of the system.

Santa has filled stockings for each child, and favors for men and women. His travels are a part of the railway's holiday plan to cheer travelers during the festive season. There are Christmas trees in lounge cars and appropriate music over the "Powhatan Arrow's" public address system. Each ticket purchaser will receive a Christmas card, and there will be other holiday touches. But Santa, identified by his calling cards as "personal representative, Norfolk and Western Railway," will top the road's Christmas observance.

Travel is expected to be heavier than during the last few holiday periods and N. & W. passenger representatives suggest that reservations be made early. Coach seats on the "Arrow" are reserved without extra charge.

The schedule for Santa today is to dispense greetings from Roanoke to Blackstone Va., and back again, leaving Roanoke on The Pocahontas at 11:40 A. M. and leaving Blackstone on the Westboard Pocahontas at 4:23 P. M. Friday, December 22, he will ride from Roanoke to Bristol on Train 41.

Play it safe in your driving over the long holiday week-end.

Nuisance Hardwoods

NUISANCE HARDWOODS
CAN BE KILLED
WITH AMMATE

Farmers whose woodlots are overrun with "nuisance" hardwoods are being advised to try applications of ammonium sufamate —a pc on sold under a single trade name (Ammate).

F. W. Patton, associate forester at V. P. I., says the poison is effective and safe for killing most upland hardwods, but has not been so successful when used in swamps. It is usually applied in notches cut in the stump portion of the tree.

Patton says that in eastern Virginia hardwoods are crowding out pines on all but the poorest soils, posing a serious problem for landowners and industries depending on the forests for raw materials.

To be effective, ammate must enter the sap stream of the tree. It is most effective when used on standing trees. It may be used any year around, but is more satisfactory when used during the spring and early summer.

Patton says demonstrations killing hardwoods with the chemical have been scheduled January 9 in Charles City County; January 10 in King William; and January 11 in Gloucester.

Details on use of the chemical are available from county agents, the Agricultural Extension Service at V. P. I., Blacksburg.

ECONOMISTS TO ATTEND SESSION IN MEMPHIS

Four staff members from V. P. I.'s department of agricultural economics have been named to participate in discussions at the marketing section, Association of Southern Agricultural Workers Conference in Memphis, Tenn., February 4-6.

They are C. W. Allen, who will give an address on "Peanut Marketing," and Ben F. Wade, Jr., J. D. Johnson, and Dr. J. B. Maxton, who will take part in discussion panels.

Here's to a bright and beautiful Christmas 1950

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Electrical Contractor
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Appomattox, Va.

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Appomattox Restaurant
Fred Godsey, Proprietor
Appomattox, Virginia

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...was outlawed in England ...e Puritan government of ...s 1645 and, although the ...n of the Stuarts brought ...of Christmas customs and ...Christmas never regained ...e prestige in England.

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...ke Snow

...ing the Christmas tree with ...ow is easy if you use soap ...won't melt either. ...ow it's done: Use three ...ngs of soap flakes to one ...arm water. Beat with elec... or hand beater until ...ed fluffy. Then spread im... over branches of tree. ...t it on with hands. ...ttle, spread on some arti...ering snow.

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...—drive carefully.

Education Gives Pointers On Child Traffic Hazards

Traffic safety training for children should begin almost in the cradle, according to Ross Wedemeyer, assistant professor of physical education and instructor in safety at the University of Denver.

Wedemeyer contends that techniques for avoiding traffic accidents should be taught the child early in life. In this manner, he feels, safe living will become a part of the youngster—not just a mere set of rules he has to think of before he puts them into practice.

The educator gave the following suggestions for parents desiring to protect their children from traffic hazards:

1. Don't be content merely to talk to the child about safety devices such as traffic signs, lights, etc. Actually show the child these things. Let him have the experience of walking with the green light during a training session.

2. Try to get your child to instruct you in traffic safety techniques (after you have taught him, of course). Encourage him to tell you when it is safe to walk across the street. By doing this — under your guidance—the child will gain much genuine insight into traffic safety practices.

3. Teach children the "safe" routes from home to school. Teach them to avoid dangerous alleys, hazardous streets, and so forth.

4. Through correct instruction, make it "second nature" for a child to avoid hazardous activities such as hitching rides, bicycling dangerously, etc.

5. A child should be taught "safe" ways of acting—not merely warned against unsafe practices.

...roop Trains

From December, 1941, to August 1945, inclusive, a total of 113,91 special troop trains were operated for distances ranging all the way up to 3,000 miles or more. In addition the railroads handled an even greater number of special troops cars in regular trains. The special train movements involved 303,003 coach trips, 511,385 sleeping car trips, 142,706 baggage and kitchen car trips, and 193,764 refrigerator, box, flat, and gondola car trips; besides an almost equal movement of empty cars to and from loading and unloading points.

On The Right Track

When you ride on the train ,you're depending on the preservative power of finishes in many different ways. In addition to the coatings used—inside and out—on the rolling stock, some rails are also coated. A new type of corrosion-resistant rail preservative is now being tested out on the welded rails in the new Cascade tunnel. A prime coat of the preservative is brushed on just before the rail is loaded on the flatcars. A second coat is sprayed on later.

Uncle Sam Says

You have, right at hand, the means of changing the course of your life—just sign up today at your company's payroll office for the Payroll Savings Plan, and indicate the amount you wish to invest from each pay check. U. S. Savings Bonds are better than money. If you lose cash, it's gone. If a Bond is lost or stolen, it will be replaced. So start saving—TODAY.
U. S. Treasury Department

SANTA CHECKS ONE OF HIS STEEDS . . . Rodney, who might be a stand-in for Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer, . . . briefing from old Saint Nick as the bearded old gent prepares for his annual visit. Rodney normally inhabits a Chicago zoo.

Santa Claus Makes a Stop Out West

Bug Richard's Christmas Feasts

Once upon a medieval Yuletide, King Richard III of England celebrated at Litchfield—and during the festivities 2,000 oxen and 200 tons of wine were consumed.

Of course, the feudal set-up provided the great lords with the wherewithal for magnificence—the lords received gifts from their tenants and kings received gifts from their nobles; and the graduated scale for giving and receiving was as well ascertained as the quiddam honorarium of any barrister or physician.

Queen Elizabeth received a large part of her wardrobe as gifts from her courtiers, and if the quality or quantity was not satisfactory, the donors were unceremoniously informed of the situation.

When Henry III entertained a thousand knights, peers, and assorted nobles who came to attend the Yuletide marriage of the Princess Margaret, his majesty received a royal Christmas gift of 2,700 pounds, plus 600 fat oxen from the Archbishop of York.

With similar assistance, whether exhorted or given in the spirit of generosity appropriate to the season, his majesty could well afford to give Christmas feasts for the poor like the one given in Westminster Hall in 1248, which lasted a week.

Striving to outdo his predecessors and give his successors something to shoot at, Henry VIII kept one Yuletide at which the cost of gold cloth that was used amounted to 60 pounds alone. He had tents erected and artificial gardens plotted within the spacious hall of his palace. Knights came out of the tents to joust in tournaments and fantastically dressed dancers, covered from head to foot with gay ribbon streamers, emerged from the gardens to entertain the guests.

Preparation for the feasting on such occasions is perfectly appalling to epicures of the 20th century—and can only be vaguely comprehended by considering that Richard II normally employed 2,000 cooks to prepare food for the 10,000 persons who dined—irrespective of special feasting — at his expense every day.

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